GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND DIAMOND
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of gold and diamond produced in the country during each of the last three years till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is making any efforts to ban import of gold and diamonds and propose to increase their production by exploring abundant gold and diamond reserves available in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when import of gold and diamond is likely to be banned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): State wise production of gold is given below:

(in tonnes)

State	Production			
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08(till September)
	(provisional)		(provisional)	
Karnataka	3.501	2.846	2.336	0.014
Jharkhand	0.025	0.201	0.154	1.495
Gujarat	5.154	6.710	10.335	5.312
(as by product)				
Total	8.680	9.757	12.825	6.821

Production of diamond was limited to one State and details are given below:

(in carats)

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (till September)
	(provisional)		(provisional)	
Madhya Pradesh	78316	44170	2179	300

(b) to (d): Import of minerals is guided by the Export-Import Policy notified by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry from time to time. As per information supplied by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, there is no proposal to ban import of gold and diamond.